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➔ Overview of The Global Stocktake

The Global Stocktake (GST) is a process for the periodic review of the implementation of the Paris Agreement with the objective of assessing countries' collective progress towards achieving the agreement's objectives. The results of the GST will be used by the countries to update and strengthen their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to climate change action and support, as well as to enhance international cooperation for climate action.

➔ Overview of the Independent Global Stocktake

Alongside the contribution of the countries (i.e., Parties), the UNFCCC provides opportunities for non-state actors through the Independent Global Stocktake (iGST) to participate in the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The iGST is a consortium of regional civil society stakeholders/hubs and four thematic working groups on mitigation, adaptation, finance, and equity that work together to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement and to efficiently contribute to the process of GST.

These stakeholders include environment, women, and youth-based organizations, farmers and agricultural organizations, universities and research centres, business and industry organizations, indigenous people's organizations, trade union organizations, labour organizations, regional climate actors, local governments, and municipal authorities, etc.

➔ The iGST West Africa Regional Hub

It is in this framework that the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of South Africa have been commissioned by ClimateWorks Foundation to lead the formation and operationalization processes of the iGST West Africa Regional Hub (iGST WA Hub). The iGST WA Hub is a network of climate civil societies organizations, and other stakeholders in all the 15 ECOWAS countries that advocate for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and especially for the GST process. The quest of iGST WA Hub is to put forward a West African lens of climate change priorities and bring together the West African climate change community to advocate for representative, relevant, and responsive GST. Thus, the iGST WA Hub will facilitate the effective participation of West Africa's climate civil society in the GST by providing a platform to engage all interested stakeholders on the priorities that highlight their expectations. Officially launched in May 2023, the iGST WA Hub is one of three regional hubs of iGST globally,

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Six (6) in-country workshops in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal,

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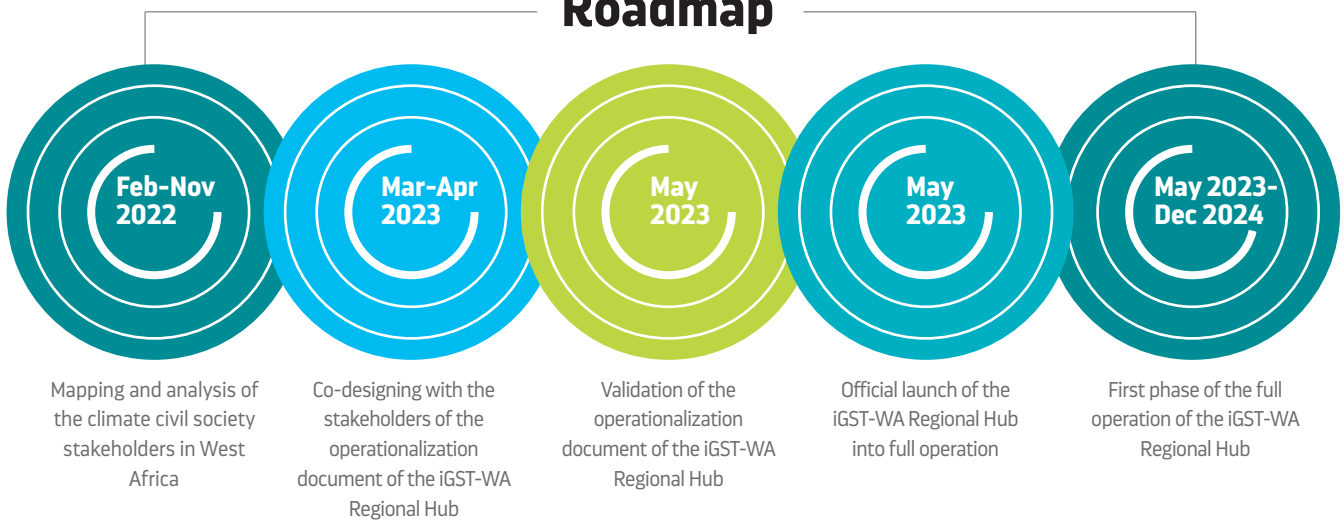
A virtual workshop with stakeholders of the remaining nine (9) countries of ECOWAS. These full-day workshops, in addition to helping the stakeholders to understand the iGST's mandate more clearly, provided them opportunities to make direct and relevant inputs into the structure, means of engagement, and a roadmap of activities of the Hub.

Objectives of the Project



- 01** To bring together climate civil society stakeholders, including campaigners and climate researchers to support the GST and to push for more climate action in West Africa.
- 02** To provide a common platform for engagement among the stakeholders to communicate a coherent regionally relevant set of messages in West Africa and at the international level.
- 03** To serve as a platform for mutual learning and knowledge sharing among the stakeholders recognising the evolving nature of needs and responses by respective countries in West Africa.

Roadmap



Although WASCAL is not an official party to the global commitment under the Paris Agreement to address climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, it has a pivotal role to play in supporting the goals and implementation of the agreement in West Africa. To facilitate its involvement and active participation in

this process, WASCAL applied for and received the UNFCCC's accreditation status as an Admitted Intergovernmental Organization (IGO). By this accreditation, WASCAL is officially recognized by the UNFCCC as a key partner in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and its related processes such as the Global Stocktake (GST).

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